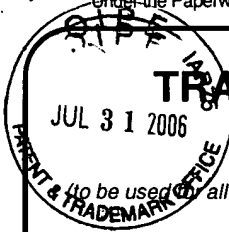


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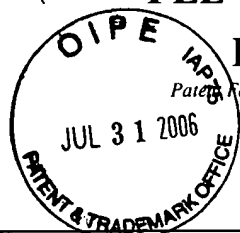
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 TRACE WITH REDUCED RF IMPEDANCE  
 RESULTING FROM THE SKIN EFFECT  
 (as amended)

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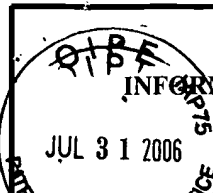
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